

In the Claims:

1.-12. cancelled

13. (Currently Amended) A tape measuring device for determining a first distance, the first distance being related to a first dimension measured on a drawing depicting features at a first scaling ratio, the measuring device comprising:

a first set of indicia comprising marks spaced at one inch intervals matching a common system of units and located on a first side of a tape of the tape measuring device;

a second set of indicia comprising marks spaced at intervals correlating to the first scaling ratio and depicting a defined number of feet per inch to the common system of units, wherein the value of the units of the second set of indicia correspond to the value of the units of the first set of indicia by the inverse of the first scaling ratio, said second set of marks located on a second side of the tape, wherein

the first set of indicia and the second set of indicia start at a common end of the tape, and wherein the second set of indicia include numerals shown next to each mark denoting the number of feet at the distance of each mark with respect to the first scaling ratio.

14. (Currently Amended) The tape measuring device of claim 13 being further adapted for laying out a second distance, wherein when the second distance is related to a second dimension measured on a second drawing depicting features at a second scaling ratio, further comprising a third set of indicia comprising marks spaced at intervals correlating to the second scaling ratio and depicting a second defined number of feet the common system of units wherein the value of the units of the third set of indicia correspond to the value of the units of the first set of indicia by the inverse of the second scaling ratio, said third set of marks located on the second side of the tape.

15. (Previously Presented) The tape measuring device of claim 13 further comprising a housing in which the tape is stored.

16. (Currently Amended) The tape measuring device of claim 13 wherein the third first set of indicia include numerals shown next to each mark denoting the number of feet at the distance of each mark with respect to the second scaling ratio comprises numerical values and the second set of indicia comprises numerical values.

17. (Previously Presented) The tape measuring device of claim 13, wherein the second and third set of indicia have a starting point adjacent to each other.

18. (Previously Presented) The tape measuring device of claim 13 wherein the first scaling ratio corresponds to one of an engineering and architectural scale.

19-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) A tape measurement device for determining a size of a feature of a building plan, the device comprising:

a tape having a first side and a second side, each side having a first and a second edge;

a first set of regularly spaced marks along a first edge of the first side, the marks denoting fractions of and whole inches, and usable for laying out dimensions of building material for building according to the building plan;

a second set of regularly spaced marks located on a first edge of the second side of the tape, the marks including indicia at regular intervals of marks, said indicia relate the second marks to the first marks by a scale ratio and depict a defined number of feet, wherein said scale ratio corresponds to a scale ratio on said plans and measurement of the feature on said building plan using said second set of marks indicates a dimension of said feature to be built using said first set of marks, said first and second set of marks start at a common end of the tape.